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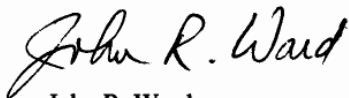
Re: Bridge replacement at Salt Flat

As a resident of Salt Flat, I want to state my support for the proposed action of constructing a private bridge slightly downstream from the current bridge.

I am aware that some individuals feel that the new bridge should be a public bridge, since public money is being used to build it. Although Salt Flat residents will benefit from the new bridge, this private benefit is incidental to the vastly greater public benefits, which are the sole reasons for replacing the bridge: to facilitate restoration of the Trinity River as mandated by Congress, and to permit the Bureau of Reclamation more flexibility in managing the level of Trinity Lake. These purposes amply justify the public expenditure, and there is no additional public benefit that warrants the confiscation of a private bridge and the condemnation of private property that provides the easement to the bridge.

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Sincerely,



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RESPONSE TO COMMENT: 35

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35-a: Thank you for your comment. Your comment has been noted, and will be transmitted to the Planning Commission, the Board of Supervisors, and federal officials for their consideration in connection with the merits of the proposed project. No further response is required.